

CHEMICALS AND DYES EMBARGO HELD VITAL TO SAFETY OF NATION

CABINET OFFICERS URGE RESTORATION TO FORDNEY BILL

Weeks and Denby Tell Senate Committee They Deem Measure Essential.

POINT TO WORLD WAR PREPARATIONS BY HUNS

Assert Easier to Raise Army of 4,000,000 Than to Furnish Necessary Explosives.

HELP MANUFACTURE HERE

Head of Navy Predicts Increased Use of Gases in Next War.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Secretaries Weeks and Denby have come out in support of an embargo on dyes and chemicals and have urged restoration to the Fordney tariff bill of the embargo provision, stricken out by the House. The attitude of the two Cabinet officers was made known today when Chairman Penrose, of the Senate Finance Committee, made public letters from them to the committee on the subject.

"The cabinet officers explained that they favored an embargo because of national defense needs. 'It is of great value to the navy,' Mr. Denby wrote, 'to encourage the development of chemical activities in the manufacture of all products connected with explosives and gases, especially those manufacturers whose establishments can easily be diverted to the manufacture of war materials. The restoration of the embargo clause will be of material help and I will greatly appreciate your assistance to this effect.'

Other nations enforce embargoes. Embargo orders have been found necessary by England, France, Italy and Japan, Mr. Weeks said. He also declared that the chemical industry was vital to Germany in prolonging her efforts in the world war and expressed the opinion that high explosives and war gases would play a far more important part in future wars.

In the world war, he said, the United States had found it could mobilize, train and equip with clothing 4,000,000 men far quicker than it could supply the guns and ammunition. He related how the munitions makers had worked feverishly to supply the munitions and war gases, adding that even then, little was available for more than a year after the formal declaration of war.

"So fully did Germany realize her position during and after the world war," he continued, "that predominance in the organic chemical industry, and particularly the dye industry, meant the most valuable measure of preparedness possible, that she has united all her organic chemical industries into one great trust."

"The use of high explosives and war gases will unquestionably be far greater in any future struggle than in the world war. It is of the most vital importance to our preparedness that the dye industry be developed to the fullest possible extent in this country. It is felt that this danger is so great that I urge the enactment of the embargo feature of the Fordney tariff bill as submitted by the Ways and Means Committee as the only way to protect our chemical market from German competition."

Majority members of the House Ways and Means Committee expect to get down to brass tacks of tax revision next week.

Chairman Fordney said today that the rewriting of levy provisions in the 1918 law probably would begin Monday, and that unless an unexpected twist was encountered, the new bill should be ready within ten days. Leaders generally say House consideration will be completed by the end of the month.

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URGENT AMERICAN PRESS TO AID IN ARMS CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—In the old Quaker meeting house from which William Penn issued his first appeal for universal peace the Philadelphia quarterly meeting of the religious Society of Friends today adopted a message urging "the press of America" to help the international disarmament conference called by President Harding to abolish the causes for wars.

The call appealed to the editors to use their influence "through headlines and printed articles for peace through disarmament."

Every day train 12 noon for Norfolk via C. & O. connects for Virginia Beach. See the airplanes—

Baby Chick Association Elects Virginia Man

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Aug. 6.—The International Baby Chick Association, formed to promote and protect the baby chick industry, closed a three-day convention here last night.

The following officers were elected: president, Professor Harry R. Lewis, of Davis, R. I.; first vice-president, W. J. Curless, of Hantsville, N. Y.; second vice-president, G. R. Spitzer, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Fred H. Thayer, of Baltimore, was reappointed secretary-treasurer.

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GIVE DAIL EIREANN MEMBERS LIBERTY

All Save One Man, Convicted of Murder, Freed by British Government.

MOVE TO AID PEACE PLAN

Agents of De Valera and Craig Confer at London on Resumption of Parleys.

(By Associated Press.)
DUBLIN, Aug. 6.—All members of the Irish republican Parliament now in custody will be released, with one exception, in anticipation of the meeting of the Parliament called for August 16. Official announcement that the prisoners would be freed was made today. The exception is John J. McKeown, convicted of the murder of District Inspector McGrath.

Dublin Castle's statement, which made the announcement, reads: "In keeping with the public understanding given by the Prime Minister that His Majesty's government would facilitate in every practicable way the steps now being taken to promote peace in Ireland, it has been decided to release forthwith, and without condition all the members of the Dail Eireann who are at present interned, or are undergoing sentences of penal servitude or imprisonment, to enable them to attend the meeting of the Dail Eireann, which has been summoned for the 16th."

"It has been decided that one member, Mr. McKeown, who has been convicted of murder, cannot be released."

Hold Conference in London.
(By United News.)
LONDON, Aug. 6.—Lieutenants of Eamon de Valera and Sir James Craig were reported in conference today, blazing the trail for direct negotiations between the Sinn Fein and Ulster leaders.

These intermediaries were supposed to be working to bring about the long-postponed meeting between De Valera and Sir James.

WAITING TO ROB STORE. YOUTH KILLS ACCOMPLICE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHRISTIANBURG, VA., Aug. 6.—One of the most peculiar homicides ever known occurred near Fronto last night when two young men, A. L. Reese and Emory Vaden, stole two pistols and were watching the store of Taylor & Mosses in order to rob it as soon as the owner left and went to a religious meeting in progress at that place.

The two young men were practicing quick drawing their weapons so Reese says, when his pistol was discharged and the ball took effect in Vaden's body, killing him almost instantly.

Reese was arrested and lodged in jail to await the action of the grand jury. Vaden was tried at the July term of court for assassinating another young man named Hall and almost branding him with a pine knot a few months ago, the jury taking a light view of the case and imposing the slight punishment of a \$50 fine.

Eggs Slaved From Python Hatch Normal Chickens

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—A story of chicken eggs hatched after they had been slaved from the interior of a python was told today by the Publicity Department of the board of missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Quoting the Rev. Erwin H. Richards, for thirty-one years a missionary in Africa, the board said that a python had wriggled out of a jungle one night, entered a henhouse and eaten eight chickens and nine eggs. Natives and missionaries killed the snake, which then was opened. The eggs, found intact, later hatched into perfectly normal missionary chickens.

The bishop of Africa was named as a corroborating witness.

KINKEAD'S NEMESIS TELLS OF TRAILING VICTIM TO DEATH

Olivia Stone Declares She Is "Happiest Woman in the World" Over Deed.

SLAYER OF LAWYER HELD WITHOUT BAIL IN NEW YORK

Drove Man From Cincinnati and "Showed Him Up," Charging He Deceived Her.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The story of how she hunted and hounded Ellis Kinkead, prominent Cincinnati lawyer, was told today by Miss Olivia Stone, who shot and killed him on a street corner in Brooklyn late yesterday.

She declared she forced him to resign from the Cincinnati law school, hired detectives to pursue him when he tried to flee from her, that she "showed him up to his friends," lay in wait for him at his office in New York, continued the relentless chase for months, indefatigable in her determination to confront him, and finally met him face to face near his home.

"When I saw him crossing the street I approached him and said: 'How do you do, Mr. Ellis Kinkead, you dirty rat!'" she declared.

"Then a awful chill came over me. I don't know what I did; I was so excited. I felt as if I could jump from New York to Mexico without any difficulty."

Is Held Without Bail.
Miss Stone told her story after she had been arraigned in a Brooklyn court on a charge of homicide, and held without bail for hearing Tuesday.

"Don't you regret the shooting?" she was asked. The woman smiled and waved her hand.

"Regret it—no. I'm the happiest woman in the world."

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HIS MULE IS FOR SALE. DISPOSITION AND ALL, FOR PALTRY \$20 BILL

Supervisors Readily Reduce Assessment After Reading Eloquent Letter From Owner.

(By Associated Press.)
GRENADA, MISS., Aug. 6.—The tax supervisors of Grenada County have reduced the assessment on W. W. Whitaker's mule from \$50 to \$20, the value originally placed on the animal by its owner, after having raised the assessment to the larger figure.

In a letter to the supervisor Mr. Whitaker stated:

"In valuing this mule to the assessors at \$20 I was extremely liberal with the county. It would have seemed too ridiculous to have placed him at his real value, which at the time of falling values, could not have exceeded \$10."

"I hereby make this proposition to any member of the board, or any citizen of the county or State: Give me \$5 and take the mule, and may the good Lord be with you until we meet beyond the river."

"For inherent wickedness of heart and meanness of disposition this mule, in comparison, makes the devil a smiling cherub for a disinclination to dissipate useful energy this beast makes of the grasshopper a model of industry."

NAMES OF 17,000 DRAFT EVADERS IN ONE EDITION

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Upwards of 17,000 names of alleged draft evaders issued by the War Department between June 5 and July 4 were published today in the Congressional Record. The list occupied eighty-six pages.

The names of twenty-two men previously published in the Record as deserters, and who have established that they should not have been so classed, were included in the list transmitted by Adjutant-General Harris to Representative Johnson (Republican), of South Dakota, who obtained permission of the House for publication of all department lists with subsequent corrections.

GOMPERS WILL ADDRESS TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will launch Monday in Quebec a campaign intended "to stimulate" the trade-union movement throughout the United States and Canada with a view to increasing the membership of the federation. It was announced today.

He will address the International Typographical Union Monday. Later he will speak at Montreal and Toronto.

SHOOTING OF JERSEY INSURANCE AGENT IS MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR

Wounded Man Found on Estate of Rich Woman, Near Morristown, Refuses to Talk—Detectives Question Woman, Who Denies Any Knowledge of Trouble.

(By Associated Press.)
MORRISTOWN, N. J., Aug. 6.—The mystery surrounding the shooting early today of Peter Bender, insurance agent, with offices in New York, Chicago and Detroit, who was found on the lawn of Mrs. George Barber's estate, "The Oaks," near here, with a bullet lodged just below his heart, remained unsolved tonight. The theory of attempted suicide was upheld on the ground that a pistol with one cartridge discharged was found beside Bender, and Dr. Clarence A. Plume declared Bender had admitted attempted suicide when he was first found. Bender later refused to discuss the shooting, and tonight he underwent an operation at a hospital, where physicians said his chances for recovery were slight.

In Bender's room at the McAlpine Hotel, New York, where he was registered, were found letters purporting to be from Mrs. Barber, although she denied that she had any knowledge of him. She declared the first she had ever heard of him was early today when a servant awakened her to tell her that a strange man had shot himself on the lawn of her home. She said the finding of letters purporting to be from her in his suite was "very strange."

Among his effects also was a passport bearing visas for many countries.

It was learned from servants at the Barber home tonight by County Detective Brennan, that Bender had called there several times last night, attempting to gain admittance. Mrs. Barber, however, refused to see him, the servants said.

Persons living near the Barber estate said they knew little of Mrs. Barber. It was learned, however, that she and her husband have been living apart for five or six months. Mrs. Barber said her husband died in Bennington, Vt., last Monday, and that she had sent his body to be cremated. Neighbors said Mrs. Barber seldom mingled with those who lived near her, but that she entertained quite often.

Although Mrs. Barber said that she had never known Bender, Dr. Plume, who was called shortly after the man was found, said she identified him when he arrived at "The Oaks." She refused, however, to give any other information, and Dr. Plume said Bender, who was conscious when he arrived, gave no sign of recognition of Mrs. Bender, nor she of him, other than to tell who he was.

Dr. Plume said he was awakened by a telephone call from Mrs. Barber, who said a man was calling for help on her lawn, and when he arrived Mrs. Barber went with him to the spot where Bender was found.

LAGGING RETURNS SWELL VOTE OF SENATOR WEST

Nansemond Candidate's Lead Increases Slightly Over Senator Julian Gunn.

NO THOUGHT NOW OF "PLUMS"

Trinkle Declares He Will Give No Consideration to Appointments Before Fall—No Effort in Progress for Recount Here.

For the first time since Wednesday, when returns received indicated that Senator West would receive the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant-Governor, the reports received here show him to have increased his lead over his nearest rival, Senator Julian Gunn, of Richmond, the supporters of whom have been unwilling to concede defeat, believing that many of the counties not heard from would give Gunn a plurality.

The figures as compiled last night by The Times-Dispatch show Senator West to have a plurality of about 6,212 votes over Senator Gunn, while the returns on the preceding day had put his lead at less than 6,000. Senator West, according to the returns received yesterday, carried Prince Edward County by a majority vote. In Scott County Gilpin carried the great number of votes and Gunn finished a rather poor third. Other counties heard from during the day were Prince William, Fauquier and Mecklenburg.

Complete returns are coming in very slowly and indications are that definite figures will not be available until the official canvass is made here by the State Board of Canvassers.

Madison for Gunn.
Returns received by The Times-Dispatch last night from Madison County were favorable to Senator Gunn. Tucker carried the county over Trinkle by a majority of five. The vote is: Trinkle, 236; Tucker, 245; Gunn, 176; Gilpin, 117; West, 17; Fitchburg, 1; Adams, 26; Parks, 19; Carpenter was nominated for the House.

The official figures from King and Queen County give West a plurality of twenty over Gunn.

Trinkle carried the county by twenty-six majority. The vote: Trinkle, 155; Tucker, 124; Gunn, 107; Gilpin, 27; West, 127; Fitchburg, 6; Adams, 17; Parks, 12; Carpenter was nominated for the House.

In a long-distance telephone conversation last night, Senator West claimed a majority based on actual, but incomplete, returns of 12,557, having carried seven districts to two for Gunn, the Third and Seventh. The Ninth is still to be accounted for.

No Thought as to Plums.
Senator E. Lee Trinkle, Democratic nominee for Governor, in a long-distance telephone conversation from his home in Wytheville with Captain W. D. Cardwell yesterday, denied that he had thus far given any consideration to the distribution of political "plums."

"There is no foundation for the circulation of reports regarding possible appointments," said Senator Trinkle. "I am going to take a rest before the opening of the fall campaign, and meantime, I trust no one will make any move looking to any appointment. I have no time."

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RINGEL, DARING AIRMAN, ELOPES WITH WIDOW

(By Associated Press.)
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Aug. 6.—Announcement was made here tonight of the elopement and marriage of Harry Ringel, known throughout the country as "Jersey" Ringel, dare-devil airman, and Miss Blanche West Allison, of St. Elmo, a suburb.

The couple stole away late Thursday evening and drove in a car to a near-by town for the ceremony.

LENA CLARKE IS LINKED WITH ELWELL MYSTERY

Declare Late Sportsman Loaned Florida Woman \$50,000 to Cover Post-Office Shortages in 1918.

BELIEVE MILITIMORE DRUGGED

Orlando Authorities Puzzled Over Hotel Murder, in Which West Palm Beach Postmistress Is Held as Alleged Slayer.

(By Associated Press.)
ORLANDO, FLA., Aug. 6.—Joseph B. Elwell, New York sportsman and gambler, who was shot to death in his apartment in New York City last year, loaned Miss Lena Clarke, West Palm Beach postmistress, \$50,000 in cash to cover shortages in the West Palm Beach post-office, according to a statement Sheriff Karel, of Orange County, said tonight Miss Clarke had given him.

TO EXAMINE STOMACH
OF MURDERED MAN
GAINESVILLE, FLA., Aug. 6.—Whether a drug was administered to W. H. Militimore before he was shot and killed at Orlando Tuesday night, in connection with whose death the authorities are holding Miss Lena Clarke, postmistress of West Palm Beach, will be determined within the next two or three days. Professor A. P. Black, of the University of Florida, announced tonight, Professor Black said the stomach of Militimore was received at the university today for analysis. Miss Clarke, in an alleged confession, which Chief of Police Vestal, of Orlando, said she made to him immediately after the shooting, was quoted as having said she had given Militimore a sleeping potion to keep him in her room at a hotel while she went for the police to request that he be arrested in connection with the robbery of the post-office at West Palm Beach recently. When the police arrived at the hotel Militimore was dead from a pistol wound.

Post-office inspectors several days ago announced that Miss Clarke had confessed she was responsible for the disappearance of \$22,000 in currency in transit through the mails from a West Palm Beach bank to the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta.

DOES NOT BELIEVE CLARKE WOMAN KILLED FATHER

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Aug. 6.—"My God, could a woman like that kill my father? The picture doesn't look like the woman I met in West."

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DIVORCEE ONLY WITNESS OF LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Aug. 6.—Mrs. Madeline Oberchain was held by the police as a material witness here today pending investigation of the mysterious murder last night of John D. Kennedy, wealthy Los Angeles insurance man. No charge was against her.

Mrs. Oberchain, who is a divorcee, was the only witness to the murder, which occurred on the steps of Kennedy's cottage at Beverly Glen, fashionable suburb.

Kennedy, in company with Mrs. Oberchain, was coming to a party, leading up the hillside to his cottage, according to the police accounts.

A dark figure ran silently from a border of brush at the side of the stairway and shot Kennedy dead, Mrs. Oberchain said. Kennedy was murdered with a shotgun. The back of his skull was blown off.

Mrs. Oberchain, apparently a wealthy woman and a guest at the Alexandria Hotel, said she was engaged to Kennedy. She said she was divorced from S. R. R. Oberchain, a prominent Chicago attorney, about a year ago. She was hysterical today.

KILLS BROTHER-IN-LAW AFTER WIFE IS STRUCK

(By Associated Press.)
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Aug. 6.—Rivers Doney was shot and killed today in the home of Charles Baxter, aged 26, his brother-in-law, after he had refused to desist.

"I just had to do it," Baxter is quoted as telling the policemen who arrested him.

Baxter is held in connection with the killing. Doney, it is alleged, had killed Baxter's wife, and was killed with a shotgun at close range after he had refused to desist.

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FOREST FIRES SWEEP SOUTHWEST OF MAINE

(By Associated Press.)
BANGOR, MAINE, Aug. 6.—Forest fires sweeping up from the Southwest on a twelve-mile front, threatened tonight to surround and wipe out the village of Howland, thirty-six miles north of this city, and fears are felt for the safety of the 550 inhabitants. Fire fighters, steam fire pumps and thousands of feet of hose have been rushed to Howland from Bangor, Oldtown and Orono, but latest reports from the district were that the fire was gaining headway.

THIEF STEALS ORCHARD AND Gets Away With It

(By Associated Press.)
HAMILTON, O., Aug. 6.—The man who stole a bass drum and got away with it, was gone one better here today.

Hamilton police are looking for a thief who stole a fruit orchard, the trees.

They were new trees, however, just set out a day or so ago. The farmer who had an orchard yesterday, and didn't have one today, lives in Morgan township and was refused to let his name be used.

The only clues police have are a cross-section of footprints in the place where the saplings were.

RORER A. JAMES DIES AT HOME IN DANVILLE; END COMES SUDDENLY

NEWS OF JAMES' DEATH COMES AS BIG SHOCK HERE

Democratic Chairman Had Host of Personal and Political Friends in City.

CLYDE W. SAUNDERS SEES REAL CALAMITY TO PARTY

Declares Passing at This Time Is Most Unfortunate—Flood Mentioned as Successor.

News of the death yesterday in Danville of Colonel Rorer A. James, chairman of the State Democratic Committee and Congressman from the Fifth Virginia District, came as a distinct shock to his many personal friends in Richmond.

Clyde W. Saunders, member of the State committee, former chairman of the City Democratic Committee and a lifelong friend of the party chieftain, said:

"Real Calamity to Party.
"Apart from the sense of personal bereavement the news of the sudden death of Mr. James brings to us, the passing of the State Democratic chairman at this time is a real calamity. The interests of the party of which he was chairman will necessarily suffer by the loss of his counsel and the guidance of his hand. This is a critical time in party affairs and we needed Mr. James as never before. His passing is a source of deep sorrow to all of us who were associated with him politically."

Judge William F. Rhea, member of the State Corporation Commission, declared that, in the death of Colonel James, the Democratic party not only lost one of its staunchest friends and leaders in Virginia, but a tower of strength. "I had known Colonel James for a number of years," Judge Rhea declared last night, "and I was inexpressibly grieved to learn of his death. As chairman of the State Committee, he was a tower of strength."

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STEAMER ALASKA HITS REEF AND CGES DOWN FULL OF PASSENGERS

"S O S" at 9:40 P. M. Asks That Ships Come to Rescue of Those in Boats.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, ORE., Aug. 6.—A telegram from Seattle tonight said wireless operators there had picked up an "S O S" from the passenger steamer Alaska, which had struck on Blunt's Reef, near Eureka, Cal. A second call from the Alaska had struck the rocks hard and was listing heavily. At 9:40 P. M. a wireless message from the Alaska said that all boats were being lowered. The ship, the wireless said, was "full of passengers" and urged that ships come to the assistance of the vessel.

The wireless "S O S" call of the Alaska ceased at 9:55, adding to the belief that she had gone down.

The tank steamer El Segundo, 120 miles north of Blunt's Reef, wireless said she had caught the Alaska's "S O S" but could not reach her before tomorrow.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Speaker Gillet appointed a committee to attend the funeral of Mr. James at Danville, Monday afternoon. Representative Stevenson, of Minnesota, was named as chairman, other members being Grist, Pennsylvania; Fange, Massachusetts; Bell, Georgia; Rouse, Kentucky; and Meade, New York. All members of the Virginia delegation were included.

The Senate today appointed a committee, consisting of Senators Swanson and Glass, of Virginia; Simmons and Overman, of North Carolina; Sutherland, West Virginia; and Warner, Maryland, to attend the funeral of the late Representative James of Virginia.

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RORER A. JAMES.

MENTION SALE AS JAMES' SUCCESSOR

Virginia Congressmen Pick General or Flood for Democratic Chairman.

MAY NAME TRINKLE MAN Believed Committee Will Defer to Wishes of Gubernatorial Nominee, If He Has Any.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—It seemed probable to members of the Virginia delegation in Congress that either Representative Hat D. Flood or General William W. Sale would be named by the Virginia Democratic Executive Committee to succeed Representative Rorer A. James as State chairman. Mr. James died suddenly at his home in Danville today and immediately upon receipt of the news in Washington committees were appointed from the House and Senate to attend the funeral.

Also it is predicted that there will be a field full of candidates for the United States Congress in the House. More than half the counties in his district, it is said, are willing to furnish him with a field full of candidates for the primary when it is called by the Governor.

Among those most prominently mentioned in congressional circles are Marshall Booker, of Houston; former United States Marshal, of Richmond; of Martinsburg; Joe Whitehead and Turner Clements, of Chatham; John Carter, of Danville; J. M. Hooker, of Frederick; and Dalton Dillard, of Rocky Mount.

Pending the funeral of Representative James, members of the Virginia delegation feel a delay in being quoted regarding either the State chairmanship or the House vacancy, but there is a strong feeling that the State committee will defer in large measure to the wishes of the gubernatorial nominee, Senator Trinkle, as to the next chairman. If Senator Trinkle should prefer his campaign manager, General Sale,